

2nd March 1925]

Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU :—“ Now that Madras is to get something like Rs. 126 lakhs from the Government of India (laughter), will the hon. Member kindly consider allotting a portion of it for the purpose ? ”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ I am afraid I am not at present in a position to say anything on behalf of the Government. I wish I were able to do so. ”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know what has become of the resolution passed by the Trichinopoly Adi-Dravida Conference to appoint a sympathetic officer in place of the one who is at present the District Labour Officer in the district of Trichinopoly ? ”

Mr. C. RAMALINGA REDDI :—“ May I just ask whether it is not the policy of Government to have at least one officer for each district ? ”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ That, Sir, is the ideal which we are aiming at. It is only financial considerations that stand in the way so far. ”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know why the Government have not appointed at least one member of the depressed classes as District Labour Officer ? ”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ May I refer my hon. Friend to the last column in the statement given in the answer which shows that the Deputy Collector's tests are regarded as a usual qualification for the office ? If any member of the depressed classes has passed the tests, I should be delighted to consider his application. ”

*Housing the depressed classes in the Madras City.*

\* 228 Q.—Mr. R. VEERIAN : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether any report, dated 29th October 1924, was submitted by the District Labour Officer, Madras, to the Commissioner of Labour regarding the scheme for housing the depressed classes in the Madras City ; and

(b) if so, the steps taken on the report ?

A.—(a) The Government have not received any such report.  
(b) Does not arise.

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ With reference to my question in clause (a), the Government say that they have not received any such report. May I know whether the Commissioner of Labour at least has received such a report ? ”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ I am afraid I have no information. ”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ Will the hon. Member be pleased to call for the information ? ”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ If the Commissioner of Labour has received a report, he, no doubt, will make his proposals. ”

Mr. R. VEERIAN :—“ May I know whether they will be pleased to take action on the report, if a copy of it is submitted to Government ? ”

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—“ If a copy of the report is submitted, we will take it into consideration. ”